**Upgradation of Passengers in Air India Flights**

2892. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 915 given in Rajya Sabha on 27th November, 2001 and state:—

(a) what was the category under which the two persons were upgraded from Economy to Executive Class;

(b) what is the criteria for the priority in such cases;

(c) whether the passengers who were not upgraded come under the two or three eligible categories;

(d) whether some of these passengers were told that they have been upgraded and would get their boarding cards inside the aircraft; and

(e) if so, the action to be taken against the officials guilty of misleading the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) One passenger was upgraded for commercial reasons. The second passenger was upgraded in accordance with a special package devised by Air India for Government servants as part of their commercial policy.

(c) The passengers who could not be upgraded came under the category of Government of India/Commercial.

(d) and (e) No passenger was advised that he was to be upgraded and that the broading card would be given inside the aircraft.

**Government's stand on Disinvestment of IA**

2893. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow the Indian Airlines to buy additional 40 aircrafts over the period of five years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have now given up the idea of disinvestment in the Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, what is latest stand taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Indian Airlines is considering induction of new aircraft to replace the fleet of Airbus A300 (including leased aircraft) and Boeing 737 aircraft and also to augment capacity to cater to the expected annual growth of around 5% in the domestic traffic. The technical evaluation of the aircraft proposed for induction has been completed. It is estimated that induction of around 38 aircraft during five years period will be required.

Indian Airlines has now been advised to formulate a specific proposal for acquisition of these aircrafts for Government's approval.

(b) and (c) No bidder for Indian Airlines is left in the fray. Decision regarding restarting of the process or otherwise has so far not been taken.

**Scanning of Pilots and trainee Pilots**

2894. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Court has asked Government to conduct a survey of all the pilots and trainee pilots in view of the recent terrorist attack on World Trade Centre in New York on September 11, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the scanning would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**First-Aid Training to Air Hostesses**

2895. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are instances when passengers in Indian Airlines aircraft died during flights;